



Blood platelets in demand to combat war on terrorism

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

Representatives from the Blood Donor Center at Naval Medical Center San Diego are scheduled to make an appearance at the depot's safety fair for an annual blood drive April 6.

Every weekend, NMCSO gathers blood from recruits in training, but only receives blood from permanent personnel quarterly. Due to the war on terrorism, blood is in high demand and necessary for hospitals in war zones.

Beyond the need for blood is the need for blood platelets. Blood can be broken down into three parts: plasma, cells and platelets.

While the cells carry oxygen to the brain, platelets help the body clot its wounds.

"We use them for surgeries and for cancer patients, both children and adults," said Brian Richter, NMCSO medical technician.

NMCSO is eager to come back to the depot in hopes that it will be able to assist in the war on terrorism by saving lives in the operating room and on the battle field, according to Doreen Rekoski, public affairs specialist.

Platelets can also be used to extend the amount of time a patient might have while doctors look for a treatment, or until patients can develop their own clots to close the wound.

Rekoski said NMCSO is in high demand of platelets due to the fact that many of its regular donors have deployed or moved away.

Unlike blood cells, platelets have a shelf life of days so demand for them is constant.

Because the process of donating platelets must be done in the hospital through an appointment, many do not know of their ability to donate.

"That is part of the problem," said Rekoski. "We try, but it's hard because we can't come to them. They have to come to us. We have an (Intensive Care Unit) patient from (Marine Corps Base) Camp Pendleton. He needs platelets."

To find more information about the process, donors may call Bennie Griffith or Brian Richter at 619-532-7846.



Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Magnus speaks with Marines and sailors at Naval Medical Center San Diego March 22. Gen. Magnus called them "an awesome team," and stated that "America will not lose the war." Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

Assistant Commandant pays visit to local Medical Holding Platoon

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
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General Robert Magnus, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited Naval Medical Center San Diego March 22, for a look into the health and welfare of local injured Marines.

The general took time from meetings with the commanding officer of NMCSO and Navy Medicine West to spend lunch with injured Marines and Navy corpsmen who assist them aboard NMCSO.

"You all represent an awesome team, a tremendous asset, and I have to thank you all for what you do. Semper Par," said Gen. Magnus.

Between the entrée and dessert, Gen. Magnus shook the hand of every sailor and Marine present, asked how they were injured and what the doctors on base had done to assist in their recovery.

"It's great that he's come. It really boosted troop morale," said Sgt. Doug Hayenga, an injured Marine from Medical Holding Platoon.

The Marines in the Medical Holding Platoon are awaiting clearance to return to duty or get out on a medical

discharge.

"I think it's outstanding," said Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Lucier, of the general's visit.

Lucier, one of the highest ranking Marines in the Medical Holding Platoon, said he believes the younger Marines benefited from the opportunity to meet with the assistant commandant.

"The Marines get a ton of visits, but to see the number two man, is great for them," said Lucier. "The more visits they get from the command side, it helps Marines remember that they are Marines, and that the Marine Corps hasn't forgotten them."

General Magnus was escorted around to the rooms of bed-ridden Marines and Marines under intensive care.

After shaking the hand of a Marine injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the general thanked the Marine for his service and encouraged his quick and complete recovery.

"You guys are doing an awesome job. It's not obvious when you are watching the news. You are giving the Iraqi people justice. The Americans will not lose the war," said the assistant commandant.

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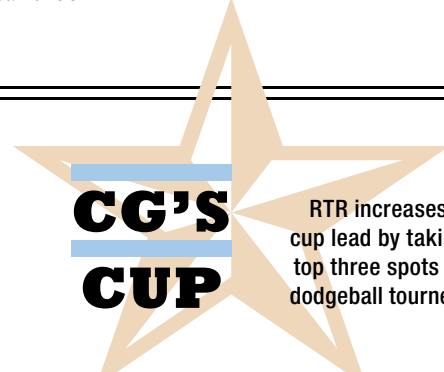
— Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Lucier
Medical Holding Platoon



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RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

He joined the Corps once before, but poor hearing led to his discharge. Now he's back with his aim set on the title.



RTR increases cup lead by taking top three spots in dodgeball tourney.



Gunnery Sgt. James M. Cobb, depot kennel master, demonstrates proper use of the American Chariot vehicle. Staff Sgt. Jeff Janowiec/Chevron

PMO tests new Chariot

BY STAFF SGT. JEFF JANOWIEC
Chevron staff

In ancient Rome, horses pulled chariots, but in modern America, horsepower pushes the chariot from within. Recently, the depot received two trial vehicles from the American Chariot Company, Incorporated. The three-wheeled, 3.2 horsepower, personal transportation chariots were tested by Marines of the Provost Marshal’s Office. “The purpose is to try it out to see where the American Chariot might be applicable,” said Vincent Sablan, fleet manager for the depot’s Southwest Region Fleet Transportation. A prime candidate for the chariots was PMO due to the thousands of people

who gather at the depot for events like recruit graduations and the upcoming Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon. Because of people being packed in tightly at large events, its use for PMO would be for crowd control due to its small size and hairpin turning capabilities, said Gunnery Sgt. Syranard E. Watson, operations chief, PMO. Watson hasn’t had an opportunity to make use of it in a large crowd yet, but he has put it to good use when the accident investigator, who doesn’t have a vehicle assigned to him, used it to respond to a couple of accidents on the depot. “It worked pretty good. It was quicker and had easier access. He doesn’t have a vehicle and was able just to grab a chariot and go,” said Watson. With a full six-hour charge, the

chariots travels up to 45 miles and has a top speed of around 16 miles per hour, according to Sablan. The fit is perfect for the depot, and it is a healthier transportation alternative to fossil fuel burning vehicles, said Sablan. “I like it because it’s a pollution-free vehicle, and it runs completely on electrical power. It has two rechargeable batteries that can be removed and charged or mounted on the vehicle and charged that way,” Sablan said. If the depot acquires American Chariots, Sablan said other units outside of PMO might be outfitted with them. Energy efficiency is a major concern on the depot, and the chariots are another way to save the taxpayers money and resources.

BRIEFS

Free tax service

The Legal Assistance Office (Building 12) is open for free tax filing for active duty, active reservists, retired service members and dependents. The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Legal Assistance Office at (619) 524-4110 or (619) 524-4111.

Car care class for military spouses

A car care class for military spouses is scheduled for April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the depot Auto Hobby Shop. Topics include battery care, tire care and more. A free lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, call Natalie Francisco at (619) 524-0916.

Internet safety for parents and communities brief

San Diego Police Department Detective Chris Armstrong, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, is scheduled to give an internet safety presentation to parents at the James L. Day Hall Command Museum’s theater April 11 from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information or to RSVP, call (619) 524-0465.

Blood drive and safety fair

A depot blood drive and safety fair is scheduled for April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the depot exchange. All donors will receive a free T-shirt and special edition pint glass. Blood from the drive goes to save lives of overseas troops. For more details, call (619) 532-6653.

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Marines needed for First to Fight tournament

Combat computer game incorporates drug and alcohol prevention

BY FRANK CHAVEZ
Depot drug reduction coordinator

The Marine Corps’ newest and most exciting tool in drug and alcohol prevention is a substance abuse prevention computer game called “Close Combat: First to Fight,” and it is being used in a competition Thursday at 4 p.m. in the permanent personnel barracks, Building 619. Pre-registration to get in on the game ends Monday. To register, contact Frank Chavez at (619) 524-4793. Headquarters Marine Corps wanted to do something different to get the word out about substance abuse, so a drug component was integrated into this game to aid as a teaching tool. First to Fight is a four-disc set that contains not only an interactive game, but also a vast amount of information on drug prevention and links to Web sites for further education. To help give Marines perspective of what drugs can do, the game simulates the effects of various illegal drugs and forces the Marine to continue to play

the game through the eyes of a drug user. The graphics and sounds are also authentic, and the mission opens with a news feed from an embedded reporter, describing the action before the players jump in. The game can train Marines for urban combat, but it was designed to carry an anti-drug message. The player will see what happens when a member of the fire team succumbs to drug abuse. During the game, some team members will show signs of drug abuse with a slow response or disobedience. After the battle, players are “debriefed” with a readout showing how many rounds were fired, who on their team was killed or injured, and who was impaired and by what drug. This game sends a clear message to Marines and sailors that each individual is relied upon to make healthy decisions for mission accomplishment. The First to Fight set is available for free from the Substance Abuse Counseling Center for all active duty personnel. Stop by to pick up your copy or call Chavez or Doug Flowers at for more information.



Drill instructors meet Marines in battle

BY JOANNA McDONALD
Contributing writer

Although the Marine Corps is a relatively small branch in the military, the irony of a former Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego drill instructor meeting his recruits on the field of battle is quite phenomenal. But that is just what happened during the Iwo Jima campaign (Feb. 19 to March 25, 1945). In Richard Wheeler’s exceptional book, Iwo, he described a unique scene on the battlefield. Corporal Wilbur Young had turned down a chance to earn the grade of an officer. Instead, he wanted to train and become a drill instructor at MCRD San Diego. There he trained

twelve platoons and found his work extremely rewarding. During the Iwo Jima campaign, Young found himself in the thick of the fight. On March 10, 1945, he was sent to the front to fill the ranks and fought with the 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division. The next day, Young made his way ahead of the main line, sneaking toward a Japanese machine gun nest. He threw two grenades into the menacing emplacement; the position fell silent. Just as Young completed his mission, a rifle bullet crashed into his upper right arm. Stunned, the corporal was still for a moment and then began to zigzag back to the main line.

As he safely made it back to the American position, the Japanese appeared at the ledge of the makeshift cover. An alert Marine carrying a Browning automatic rifle quickly blasted them. Other Marines began to provide first aid to Young; he was losing a lot of blood. Two stretcher-bearers arrived from the rear. Young looked up surprised and noted, “They happened to be men I had helped to train as a drill instructor at San Diego.” As they, in turn, recognized their old drill instructor, tears began to run down the Marine stretcher-bearers’ gritty faces. One stated, “We hated your guts in boot camp, but we have given thanks many times on this island that you were tough and demanding.” The two men

gently lifted their former instructor onto the stretcher and, under fire, made their way to a jeep ambulance. Because of Young’s tough training at boot camp he had prepared these Marines for the incredible rigors on Iwo Jima, and in turn, his Marines had the fortitude to risk their lives to get Young to safety. He survived and was taken aboard ship and soon sent to Hawaii for recovery. Today our drill instructors are just as dedicated to ensuring that Marines everywhere are prepared for any hardships they may encounter. For further reading, see Richard Wheeler’s “Iwo” and James Bradley’s “Flags of Our Fathers.”

TriCare available to aid some infertility cases



BY MARK JECKER
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Approximately 2.1 million married couples in the U. S. experience infertility, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. What many members of the military may not realize is that the cost of selected infertility treatments is covered by TRICARE. The inability to conceive is a significant source of stress among married couples who want to start families. Add the rising costs of infertility treatment and it’s no wonder that many couples give up. Because infertility is often the result of a physical condition, TRICARE coverage extends to the medically necessary services used to diagnose, monitor or treat those physical problems. These include diagnostic testing, surgical intervention and hormone therapy. Note that many fertility drug prescriptions require the health care provider to obtain prior authorization through Express Scripts.

COVERAGE EXCEPTIONS
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and technologies related to artificial methods of reproduction – including artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer – or the reversal of a prior surgical sterilization. However, once a TRICARE beneficiary becomes pregnant, whether by natural or artificial means, the pre- and post-natal services connected with that pregnancy are covered by TRICARE. Prime beneficiaries and Standard beneficiaries who use network providers (the TRICARE Extra option) will not be responsible for non-covered services furnished by a network provider unless they agree, in advance and in writing, to pay for each specific non-covered service or drug. Standard beneficiaries will be responsible for the total cost of services not covered by TRICARE. A complete list of infertility treatment services that are not covered by TRICARE is available at www.tricare.com as well as in the TRICARE Beneficiary Handbook and Prime Member Handbook. Questions concerning TRICARE infertility benefits may be directed to TriWest Healthcare Alliance at (888) 874-9378.

Athletic trainers keep recruits on graduation path



Katy Ewalt, lead athletic trainer, works on an injured recruit’s back. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
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The depot Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Team Center, Branch Medical Clinic, has concerted its efforts to educate depot personnel, including drill instructors and corpsmen, as well as the recruits in training, about injury prevention and maintenance. The depot SMART Center consists of six certified athletic trainers, all recognized allied health care professionals with the minimum of a bachelor’s degree in the field. Their function is to facilitate the recruits’ safe and quick return to training, according to Katy Ewalt, depot lead athletic trainer. “If recruits are injured, they come in and are seen in the athletic training room,” said Ewalt. “Depending on the injury, if they are given one to three days of light duty, they are seen by regular rehabilitation and reconditioning.” Athletic trainers are often confused with personal trainers and physician’s assistants, according to Ewalt. As allied health care professionals, certified athletic trainers, also called ATCs, specialize in injury evaluation, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of active populations, according to Ewalt.

The SMART Center has specially designed a course for Navy corpsmen assigned to individual recruit training companies to teach them how to assess musculoskeletal injuries and refer recruits to the athletic trainers for treatments. During a two-week course, corpsmen attend 22 and one-half hours of lecture on five different major body parts, followed by a week of assisted training. They also attend rehabilitation sessions and learn techniques used to treat different injuries including friction massages. “We’re helping recruits get through training so they can go and fight for us. We’re helping them to literally help us and protect our freedom,” said Mike Carter, an athletic trainer. “I feel like I am making a difference. That’s why I come to work.” Depot ATCs take great pride in the assistance they have provided recruits. Educating each injured recruit throughout his rehabilitation period, the ATCs helped prevent future injuries by being proactive. “It is impossible to expeditiously treat the volume of recruits we see here without ATCs,” said Lt. Cmdr. Rafael C. Perez, SMART division officer. “They are definitely a very important part of our weapons system in the defeat of musculoskeletal injury and recovery. We simply could not perform without ATCs.”

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Wearing battalion colors, the Marines of Recruit Training Regiment run the 5K race in formation, calling cadence throughout the course of the run.



Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, stands with his hand over his heart during the Star Spangled Banner before the race.



Depot personnel and families start the St. Patrick's Day Fun Run here March 17. Sgt. Jared Padula/Chevron photos

Depot personnel, families gather for annual St. Patrick's Day run

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
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The first holiday fun run of 2006 took place on the depot when sports enthusiasts came together to participate in the year's St. Patrick's Day Fun Run, March 17.

Marines, Coast Guardsmen, sailors and civilians came with family members to enjoy the 5K run around the depot. Gunnery Sgt. Adebola O. Osinowo, Headquarters Company gunnery sergeant, made sure he got maximum participation from the Marines in his company for the event.

"It's a good thing for one," said Osinowo. "It gets Marines out there for (physical training). It's also a good way to give Marines a chance to socialize with other Marines that they usually don't see on a daily basis."

Osinowo said the ones who like to PT liked the run and the ones who don't, hate it. "This gives those who do like it an opportunity to show off," he said.

The running event brought many contestants from around San Diego, but green PT uniforms and battalion monogrammed T-shirts caught the attention of civilians.

While the majority of Marines ran in issued green PT gear, Recruit Training Regiment ran in formation representing their battalions while

calling cadence throughout the run.

Lance Cpl. Ifairi Clarke was one of many 12th Marine Corps District Marines to participate in the run. A new Marine aboard the depot, the St. Patrick's Day run was Clarke's first holiday run.

"This is different from my last unit," said Clarke. "Over there, we never did anything as a base. I loved it. The runners brought their families out. It was good to see us interacting with the community."

After a brief cool down period, Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, awarded runners with their gold, silver and bronze medals before prizes were given away.

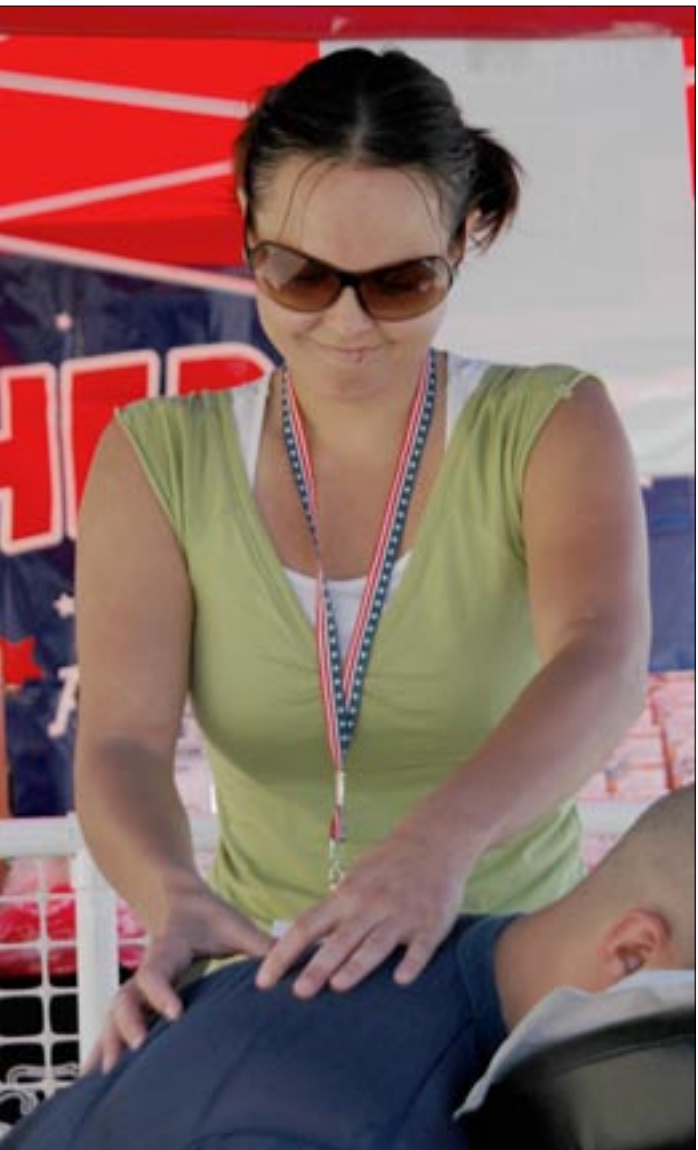
"I liked the prizes," said Clarke. "The prizes made it a lot better."

Clarke mentioned that Marines like free stuff. Not everyone was as lucky as Cpl. Carmen A. Alvarez, but free is always good.

Alvarez was one of the few Marines lucky to win a free vacation to Hawaii.

Other prizes included a Play Station 2, a new set of golf clubs and a cruise, according to Clarke.

The next scheduled running event with the depot will be the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon June 4. The marathon will take runners throughout San Diego before they cross the finish line at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field.



Free sample massages were available to runners before and after the race to help them stay loose and stress-free.

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

TRY, TRY AGAIN

Discharged once from Corps, Katrina opens second door

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff

When Hurricane Katrina hit his home town of New Orleans, Pfc. Eric J. Brown, Platoon 2061, Company E, thought he lost his chance, once again, to become a Marine.

Brown was originally sent to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., the training facility designated for most male recruits from east of the Mississippi River and all female recruits.

During a medical re-evaluation at Parris Island, it was discovered that after several duck hunting trips without hearing protection, Brown damaged his hearing to a point that was unacceptable for duty.

He continued with training until, on training day 35, his paperwork was completely processed, and he received an erroneous discharge from the Marine Corps.

Brown returned home during the first week of November 2004 and waited six months before he was able to apply for re-enlistment.

Brown went back home with intentions to fight his way back into the Corps.

"I've been trying to get in since I got out," he said.

Finally, after dealing with numerous recruiting stations, Brown found a recruiter who thought he would be able to help Brown get one more chance at becoming a Marine.

"Initially, the first time he went I was scared," said Lynn Guidry, Brown's mother. "I was glad that if he was going to choose to go into the military, that he chose the Marines, because I know that was where he would receive the best training."

While waiting for his application for reenlistment to be approved, word came that a huge storm was preparing to hit New Orleans, and it was necessary for everyone to evacuate.

Brown's family, along with his fiancé and her family, evacuated the Saturday before the hurricane hit, but Brown volunteered to stay behind and continued working as a valet for a hotel chain managed by his friend.

Tuesday after the storm hit, Brown and his friend Ed Cannon, a fellow valet at the hotel, decided it was time to leave town and head for some place safer.

Brown was finally told by a recruiter in New Orleans that there was hope of reenlistment. But when Katrina hit New Orleans, forcing the evacuation of the recruiting commands and causing mass destruction, Brown's applications and re-enlistment paperwork



Pfc. Eric J. Brown, Platoon 2065, Company E, wears his Service "A" uniform at a battalion commander's inspection.

Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

were destroyed.

Brown and Cannon traveled to Texas in hopes of refuge and a job. However, they found nothing but trouble.

The young men traveled through streets of increasing chaos and crime to get out of their disaster-ridden hometown. In vehicles overflowing with the only remnants of their life before the storm, they managed to take some by-standers from the hotel to the nearest airport on their way to Texas.

"I rode out of town with my shot gun sitting between my legs. Everything I owned, that was left, was sitting in the back of my truck," said Brown.

The local Texas communities were unwelcoming to the evacuees, blaming the New Orleanians for the recent rise in crime, according to Brown.

Brown decided it was time to be with his mother and drove the rest of his belongings to Seattle, where she was staying with her brother.

"At first it was almost like a bad dream. You didn't expect it to happen to you," said Brown.

When they were able to, Brown and his mother and uncle flew back to New Orleans in hopes of salvaging something of their gutted home.

"I tried cleaning my house up as much as possible and then come to find out, my house had to be demolished," said Brown.

The water levels left two brown rings around his house like the dirty rings of soap scum on a draining bathtub.

The first water level, marked by a large orange X, reached the middle of the doorway. Rescue workers searched the house for survivors and marked the house with the damage they found. Later, another ring was found, several feet higher, encircling the middle of the roof.

Everything Brown and his mother had before the storm was gone. Brown said they had nothing to stick around for.

"I just told him it was the perfect time. There were no jobs back home, and we had nothing. It was just time for us to separate. I understand why he wanted to go," said Guidry.

When they returned to Seattle, Brown got a hold of recruiters who were more than eager to help him start the enlistment process again.

Working off the credentials Brown received from his series commander at Parris Island, the recruiters were able to help Brown obtain a medical waiver for his hearing and return to training without any further complications.

"I didn't think mentally I was ready to come, but I knew I had to take advantage of someone helping me get in. I already got a waiver, so I had to take advantage of it," said Brown.

Brown's family lost everything it had in the storm. During recruit training, Brown's continual good-natured attitude was a testament to the hard times he had been through.

"Since the storm and all, I have this attitude like 'I already had everything taken away from me. You can't do anything else to me,'" said Brown. "I need to have a smile on my face just to make it day-by-day."

After all of the hardships Brown experienced while trying to become a Marine, he has overcome them all with a constant smile and fun-loving attitude. Brown has earned something that can never be taken away from him. He has earned the title Marine.

participated in operations in Hue-Phu-Bai and Da Nang. In 1967, he retired as a major after serving in three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Buck's personal military awards include two Bronze Star Medals with Combat "V," Purple Heart Medal, Air Medal with gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V," Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and the Greek Order of St. George 2nd Class Medal.

Following service in the Marine Corps, he continued to serve his country in the Central Intelligence Agency as a field operations officer. He retired from the CIA after 24 years of service.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Historical Society. He and his wife, Litz, live in San Diego and have two sons and three grandchildren.

Retired Major John A. Buck

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Retired Major John A. Buck enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 1943 at the age



of 17 after graduating from high school in Brooklyn, N.Y. He completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., and was assigned to Combat Engineer School at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., and subsequently assigned to Scout and Sniper School at Camp Elliot in San Diego.

Buck departed for the South Pacific in May 1944, joining the 1st Marine Division on the Russell Islands. With the 1st Marine Division, Buck participated in the American Pacific Campaign in World War II. In September 1944, he served as a member of an assault demolition squad during the seizure of Peleliu and served as a rifleman during the seizure of Okinawa, Japan, in April 1945. He also served in North China from September 1945 to February 1946 when the 1st Marine Division was dispatched to North China for occupation duty.

Buck was commissioned in September

1947 and was ordered to The Basic School in Quantico, Va. After graduation, he was assigned to the 1st Marine Division where he served as a rifle platoon commander. In July 1950 he departed to Korea as the aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. While in Korea, he saw action at the Pusan Perimeter, the landing at Inchon, the seizure of Seoul, the Chosin Reservoir and the East-Central Front.

Following Korea, Buck attended various schools and served with Marine organizations, posts and stations in the United States and abroad including Washington, D.C. Quantico, Kansas City, San Diego, Japan, Europe and Haiti.

From 1954 to 1967 Buck served two tours in the Republic of Vietnam. He served as a special operations officer for the Military Assistance Command in Saigon. He also served as the executive officer for 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines and



ECHO COMPANY



Company E men stand in platoon formation during their battalion commander's inspection Tuesday. The inspection is one of a recruit's final events here.

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Staff Sgt. Dakar Luna runs to the line with the rest of his 3rd Battalion team in efforts to strike out a single player. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos

RTR takes top three spots in dodgeball tournament

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

The Commanding General's Cup dodgeball tournament came to a conclusion at Murphy Field House March 21 after fierce competitions and eliminations left 1st Battalion victorious.

Depot basketball enthusiasts came to the gym in hopes to play a few games during their lunch breaks. A few were intrigued at the site of drill instructors and other Marines playing organized dodgeball.

"I was upset at first," said Staff Sgt. Arthur L. Rainey, operations chief, Combat Camera. "The games were cool though. I stayed and watched a few."

More than 15 teams showed up to play. Marines and Coast Guardsmen filled the stands to support their comrades.

Nearing the final games of the tournament, Recruit Training Regiment's three battalions overwhelmed the competition, along with a single 12th Marine Corps District team that stood in their way of complete domination.

"I had a lot of fun playing in the tournament," said District's Sgt. Rebekah Leon.

In the fight for the top spot in the finals portion of the tournament, District was defeated by 1st Bn. After

its defeat, District faced 2nd Bn. for a chance at third place. While 1st Bn. and District waited, 2nd and 3rd Bn. battled it out for the last spot in the championship game.

Losing to 3rd Bn., 2nd Bn. overwhelmed 12th District with ease. Out-numbered, District scrambled to keep up against 2nd Bn.'s offense.

"They had a better aim than we did," said Leon. "I think we were just flustered. They got us out quick."

Succeeding early in the tournament wasn't hard for District, but holding it together near the end was a different story.

"We did good in our first game," said Leon. "The second game was pretty close, but we couldn't come together on that one."

Eventually beaten out by 2nd Bn., District went home and 2nd Bn. accepted trophies for third place.

A final battle took place around noon. First and 3rd Bn. faced each other for the last time.

"They were a good team," said Cpl. Jesse Leon, 1st Bn. "Looking at the brackets, we knew that we would be playing them in the finals."

Overwhelmed by five at the end of the first match, Sgt. Oscar Hernandez was the last 1st Bn. contender standing before he was struck out. Starting again in the second match, disadvantage occurred when 1st Bn. had some early shots against them.

Because of this, catching thrown balls from the opposing team was the only way to recover team strength.

Jesse Leon, after catching multiple throws, brought in the team and kept the game going until 1st Bn. regained the match.

The game came down to strategy.

Jesse Leon said the team concentrated its efforts on specific players, targeting the stronger individuals and eliminating them quickly. He attributed much of the team strategy to their coach, Gunnery Sgt. Michael M. McLaughlin.

Singling out players took 1st Bn. to the winner's circle and onward for a chance to compete as the depot's finest in a dodge ball tourney April 29 at the Staple Center in Los Angeles. Military teams along the West Coast will be competing.



Cpl. Paul Steeby, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, runs to the line at the beginning of the game before racing back to avoid a hit. Every game starts with six balls on the line that either team must race to and